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**PATENT** 

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/297,981

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For: METHYLATED SMD HOMOLOGOUS

PEPTIDES, REACTIVE WITH THE

ANTIBODIES FROM SERA OF LIVING BEINGS AFFECTED WITH SYSTEMIC

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Group Art Unit: 1645

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 6, 2000**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000 for which the three-month date for response is March 6, 2001.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0011.NPUS00.